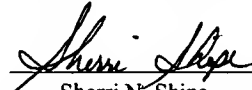


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IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the Abstract on the attached sheet.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 4, line 7, replace "FIG. 7 shows the marker printing means in the third embodiment" with FIG. 7a shows the inner structure of a stamper unit, FIG. 7b shows a color pattern selecting cam and FIG. 7c shows a solenoid for controlling the rotation of the color pattern selecting cam--.